



THE STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH (PART 2)

Titus 2

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Good morning Church. Let us turn to the New Testament to the book of Titus. Last week, if you recall, we discussed the relationship that Titus, who is the receiver of this letter from Paul, the writer and mentor of Titus. "Finish the work and get the church established" is the basic charge for Titus.

Paul proclaimed ...

- **SALVATION:** God's purpose to save the elect by the gospel
- **SANCTIFICATION:** God's purpose to build up the saved by the Word of God
- **GLORIFICATION:** God's purpose to bring believers to eternal glory.

Instructions for Healthy Leaders:

1. **CHOOSE WISELY (v. 1:5-9)**

- Everything RISES and FALLS on Leadership.

2. **PROTECT THEM (v. 1:10-16)**

- Protect the PEOPLE of God by staying in the Parameters of the WORD of God.

Titus 2:1-15

*"But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. **2** Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. **3** Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, **4** and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, **5** to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. **6** Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. **7** Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, **8** and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. **9** Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, **10** not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. **11** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **12** training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **13** waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. **15** Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you."*

3. TRAIN THEM (v. 2:1-10)

- Christ's work ALWAYS involved investing in RELATIONSHIPS.

*"What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." **2 Timothy 2:2***

4. KEEP WORKING (v. 2:11-15)

- Salvation from PENALTY of sin (v. 11)
- Salvation from the POWER of sin (v. 12)
- Salvation from the PRESENCE of sin (v. 13)

For the sake of the gospel in our lives and others, let us be filled with the Spirit of God and unashamedly proclaim God's word, apply God's word, and give correction by God's word. There will be some people who consider this truth and live accordingly. While others will be polite and nod their heads as they walk away, they will decide to not live righteously according to the Word of God. Discipleship is hard! The Church is to be responsible in "holding fast to the trustworthy word as taught, giving instruction in sound doctrine". The Spirit of God will bring a true transformation of a person's life. Therefore, we are blessed and grateful for God to use the Church as the means to bring about His glorious plan.